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Approved Training Program



Approved Training Program (AT)

If you have applied for unemployment benefits and are considering vocational training, you may want to apply for the Approved Training (AT) program. If approved and you qualify for unemployment benefits, your benefits will continue while you attend training, even though full-time students cannot normally receive benefits. The requirements that you look for and be ready to accept work are waived while you are in Approved Training status.

Who can apply for AT?

Anyone who qualifies for unemployment benefits and wishes to attend vocational/technical schools may apply for AT.

What kind of training is approved?

To be approved, a training program must give you skills that prepare you for jobs in demand in your area. Basic education that is required as a part of skills training may also be approved. The training must be provided by a recognized training facility.

What kind of training cannot be approved?

Your training *cannot* be approved if:

1. It is primarily intended to lead to a bachelor's or higher degree or to prepare you for jobs that normally require such a degree.
2. It is a correspondence program.
3. It is determined that you quit your most recent job to attend school.
4. It is not planned and scheduled for the earliest possible completion based on full-time student status. Full-time status is determined by the training facility.
5. It is determined that you possess skills to be competitive in the labor market.

How do I apply?

Applications for AT are available by calling the Nebraska Claims Center, Administrative Office, or any of the Nebraska Department of Labor Career Centers across the state.

Remember that to qualify for approval your application must be received by the Department of Labor office. If your decision to attend training depends on approval of your AT application, you should apply at least two weeks before you plan to start school. Applications for AT should be submitted once registration for classes has been completed.

What happens after training is approved?

If your training program is approved:

- You will claim each week and be paid in the usual way. AT does not change the amount of Unemployment benefits you can receive. You must continue to meet all eligibility requirements. **Payments continue only as long as you are eligible and have a balance payable, regardless of how long your training lasts.**
- You must maintain satisfactory progress and attendance in training to be eligible for benefits.
- You will not be required to look for, be available for, or accept work while you are in training, unless you have a break in training of greater than four weeks.
- Generally, you can not receive AT benefits for any week that you also receive a living allowance because of your involvement with training (e.g. G.I. Bill or Vocational Rehabilitation).